

Youthworx East Africa News Letter

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Happy New Year to you all and welcome to the first news for 2013.

For YEA January brings the potential for exciting new direction and sense of purpose. As a team we have spent plenty of time discussing and praying where God wants to take us. The result of this is to streamline and focus the way we work:

The CLINIC will be the first point of contact and the place to discuss the local needs for youth ministry with our partners and diagnose how best we can help and support.



An important part of the Clinic will be for us to help with team building and development of Youth LEADERSHIP This is greatly needed in all areas we work.



By now we will have identified TRAINING needs ensuring our workshops will be focused. We want to make the training more central and bring youth workers together instead of running multiple local workshops.



Our RESOURCES: Manuals, Team building games, Campsite etc will help to equip our partners better to make them more effective in their ministry.



I want to use the next few months to explain this in more detail, but for now please pray for clarity of vision, energy and focus for us to plan for the year ahead.

YEA has worked with Mildmay, Uganda for a year now, specifically helping with the Teens Centre. Mildmay offers care for HIV+ families and the Teens Centre has about 200 youth living with HIV. We organised a Christmas party for the youth as a way of helping them feel loved and special.

We arranged decorations, gifts, ran games plus a variety of practical workshops like baking and basic guitar etc conducted by the KIC youth.

The morning had games, workshops & music/dance, then after lunch we had study time, a Christmas cake and gifts.

It was a special time listening to the painful stories of these young people but also their victories. They are required to take ARV drugs for the rest of their lives and live with the reality that their health can deteriorate at any time.

This year Collin plans to regularly support and visit the Teen Centre & disciple the youth workers employed by Mildmay to make them more effective in their work.

YEA ran a Youth Leaders Discipleship camp in December together with the Baptist Churches in Masaka district. Over 1000 young leaders attended from Secondary school CU groups from central and western Uganda.

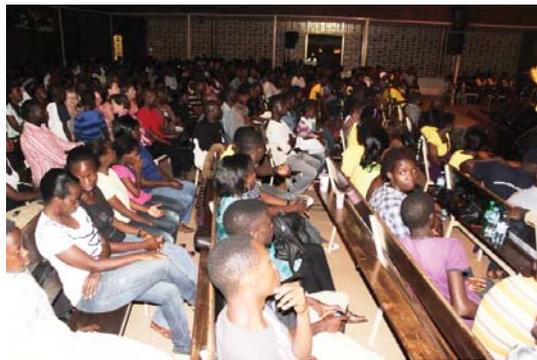
Our team took a series of sessions on the importance of practical discipleship.

It was very encouraging to find many of the young leaders present have been to YEA camps and conferences over the years.

We have been focusing on the Masaka district for the past 5 years & have probably interfaced with over 5000 youth from the region in that time.

We plan to offer even more support & training to “ex YEA trainees” who are now in full time youth work with Compassion International, in education, community & Church work. We look forward to hearing their stories.

Last weekend was **The Power of Worship 2013**, again an amazing evening of powerful worship from the VOW choir and friends. The theme “God of the City” seems to be a recurring word of encouragement as



we enter 2013, a promise that God will move with His Spirit to bring transformation to Kampala.

We retreated for 2 days this past week to work on our year plan. Collin, Eugene and I realised again in this time just what an awesome task God has given us. Thank you for being a partner with us and please pray for His favour, strength, grace and power to fulfill it.

God bless and chat again in February.
Ian.